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Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Then, why does the Government give the answer ' Government are aware that a disturbance took place ' ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" The answer says that there was only a *disturbance*."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Is the hon. the Law Member aware that the sub-magistrate was reduced on account of this non-existing riot, if I may so put it ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" There again the premises are wrong. The sub-magistrate was not reduced."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" What became of him ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" He was an acting man. After the disturbance, he was transferred to another place."

Forests

Development of the plywood and tea-chest industry.

*249 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps have been taken or are being taken to establish and develop the plywood and tea-chest industry from the woods available in the forests of this Presidency ; and

(*b*) whether any officer of the Forest Department has been or is to be deputed to be trained for the industry, and if so, who ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have sanctioned the proposal for the installation of an experimental three-ply plant in the Anamalais during 1928-29, and the question of purchasing the required machinery is engaging their attention.

(*b*) No.

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar :—" In answer to clause (*a*), it is said, ' The Government have sanctioned the proposal for the installation of an experimental three-ply plant in the Anamalais.' May I know what the cost of this plant would be ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" As far as I remember, it is very nearly a lakh."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar :—" May I ask whether this plant is for the benefit of the planters only ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" As far as I am aware, it is for the benefit of all."

Mr. T Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Is there any proposal to buy the plant from any particular firm or to advertise for it openly in the various markets ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" In fact, the proposals are under the consideration of the Chief Conservator of Forests."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know the reason why an officer of the Forest Department is not going to be trained for the industry as answered in clause (*b*) ? Will that not be profitable for the country ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I cannot give any reason, Sir."